

# THE INDEPENDENT

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## TP. COUNCIL MET SATURDAY

**Defer Putting in Crib At Pier Until Next Year — Water In Low — May Send Single Unemployed To Northern Highway Camps.**

The November meeting of the North Grimsby Township Council was held in the Council Chambers, Grimsby, on Saturday afternoon. Reeve Lawson, presided and all members of the Council were in attendance.

Some discussion took place on the proposal to send some of the single men of the Township who are unemployed to the Northern Highway camps, being operated by the Government. It would be necessary for the Township to outfit the men with suitable clothing and the matter is now being given consideration. It was pointed out that two thirds of the cost made for the purpose would be taken care of by the Provincial and Dominion Governments. Detailed information as to the arrangement governing the sending of single men to the North will be secured from the Government officials at Toronto.

Some discussion also took place on the proposal to build a crib at the Township pier to protect the banks along the lake from the inroads of the water at this point, which has severely undermined them during the past few years. It was suggested that if cribbing is put down, heavy costs could be placed in it, so that it would not be carried away by the water. It was stated by the Reeve that Gov't Road Inspector MacInnes was agreeable to the work being undertaken this year if the Council so decided. The Reeve, however, stated that Mr. W. E. Smith whose land has been seriously undermined in past years by the inroads of the water at this point had no objection to the matter being left in abeyance until the spring of next year, as the water at the present time is remarkably low. Reeve Lawson said that he thought it very fair of Mr. Smith to allow the matter to stand over for a year.

On motion of Councillors Durham and Crittenden the road Superintendent was instructed to interview Mr. West, Mr. Bingle, Mr. A. M. Walker and notify them that if their ditches are not cleaned out in the required time that the Council will be forced to call the Engineer.

Considerable discussion took place with regard to the need of ditches at a number of points in the Township.

It was moved by Deputy Reeve Graham, seconded by Councillor Smith that the Road Superintendent be instructed to proceed with a ditch on the south side of road allowance opposite lot 15 between Concession 5 and 6.

The final meeting of the Council for the year will be held on Friday, December 15th.

The Council adjourned about 8 o'clock, the docket of business being a lighter one than usual.

## Grateful For Liberal Contributions On Poppy Day

The veterans of Grimsby desire to express their sincere thanks to citizens of the town and district for their generous response on Poppy Day. Saturday, the sum of \$54.63 being realized. They heartily appreciate the co-operation given by the teachers and pupils of the High and Public Schools, the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and Cubs, the latter being busily engaged on Saturday disposing of poppies which found a ready sale.

The amount raised included contributions from School sections Nos. 1, 3 and 13 as well as the local schools.

## COMING EVENT

Grimby and North Grimsby Liberal Association Progressive League Party in the Masonic Hall, Friday Evening, November 17th. Guest speakers — Mr. Richard Coulter, Liberal Candidate for Haldimand-Norfolk and President of Tri County Liberal Association and Mr. Robt. Kemp, former Progressive member for West Lincoln. All Liberal Ladies and Gentlemen are cordially invited to be present.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES' AID are holding their Annual Supper on Friday December 1st, at 8:30 p. m., in the church basement.

## Popular Young Couple Married

The home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Deamer, of Grimsby, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Shirley, only daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. B. Speirs was united in marriage to Donald John Deamer. The Rev. J. W. Hunt of Hespeler officiated. The bride entered the room to the strains of the bridal chorus played by Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, sister of the groom. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of midnight blue chiffon velvet, and carried a bouquet of Eriochrysis roses. Miss Ethel Howell, wearing an ankle-length gown of blue crepe and carrying a bouquet of pale pink roses, attended the bride. The groom was attended by Mr. Wylie Threl. The house was tastefully decorated in pink and white. Following the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served.

An unusual feature of the occasion was that the happy event occurred on the 20th wedding anniversary of the groom's parents.

Later the bride and groom left on a trip to eastern points in Ontario, the bride travelling in a burgundy ensemble topped by a black coat trimmed with sable. On their return they will reside in Grimsby.

## REV. JAS. AWDE PASSES AWAY

**Pastor of Former Methodist Church, Grimsby, Dies in 88th year—Was Widely Known.**

A link with the early Wesleyan Methodist church in this province was severed Monday morning in the passing of Rev. James Awde, at his home, 31 Huron street, Hamilton, in his 88th year. In the possession of all his faculties, Mr. Awde continued to preach with his usual vigour and spiritual power, long after he had passed his 80th birthday, and on the occasion of his 88th birthday preached the sermon at Ryerson United Church, where he was an honoured member and an appreciated assistant to the minister. Sixty-three years of Mr. Awde's eventful life had been devoted to the church.

Other citizens will recall that the late Mr. Awde was stationed at Grimsby in the nineties, being pastor of the former Methodist Church here where he was well known and highly regarded.

Born in the hamlet of Kirkcubright, in the county of Cumberland, on the border of England's lovely lake country, the deceased gentleman, while still a lad, came with his parents to Canada, where the family settled on a farm in Walpole township. In 1869, at the age of 23 years, Mr. Awde entered the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist church. His experiences in his chosen work had been wide and varied, and he had held charges at Oshawa, Millbrook, Hamilton, Port Huron, Kemptville, Prescott, in West Belgrave street and Douglas churches, Montreal, St. Eusebe, Magalloway, Niagara Falls (on two occasions) and at Grand Avenue church, Brantford. About the year 1913, Mr. Awde, then a young minister alternated with the late Rev. Dr. W. H. Poole in preaching at Wesley Methodist church and Shewcoe Street Methodist church, which at that time was one circuit. In addition to his career in the church, Mr. Awde served for some years on the teaching staff of St. Andrew's college. He was also a graduate in arts of Queen's university, where he had a brilliant career as a student.

A lover of the great out-of-doors, Mr. Awde was to be seen on even the coldest days in winter taking his daily walk along Hamilton's principal streets. With the increasing years his interest in affairs about him did not diminish, and his discourses on things pertaining to religion and politics were the joy of his friends and acquaintances. He is survived by his wife, who was Clara J. Burnhough.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his home, 31 Huron street, and burial was made in Woodland cemetery.

## Coming Event

GRIMSBY CHAPTER EASTERN STAR, invites you to a tea and sale of work on Tuesday, November 21st, 1933, at the Masonic Hall, at three o'clock p. m. Waffles and tea, 15 cents. Sandwiches, cake and tea, 15 cents. Articles 10 cents to \$1.00. Euchre party at 8 p. m., 25 cents. Good prizes and refreshments.

## Grimby and North Grimsby Citizens Honor Soldier Dead Observe Remembrance Day

**Moore's Theatre Filled to Capacity On Sunday Afternoon At Memorial Services Under Auspices of I. O. D. E. and West Lincoln Branch, Canadian Legion — I. O. D. E. Decorates Graves of Veterans At Queen's Lawn Cemetery — Wreaths Placed On Memorial Gates By Province, Town and Township — Impressive Services Also Held At Beamsville.**

In impressive services held at the Soldiers' Plot, Queen's Lawn cemetery and at Moore's Theatre, the citizens of Grimsby and the Township of North Grimsby on Sunday paid reverent tribute to those who fell in the war or who passed away since the Armistice.

Veterans, members of the municipal council of the town of Grimsby and the township of North Grimsby and other citizens were in the parade which proceeded from the Armouries at 2:30 o'clock to the entrance to Queen's Lawn cemetery where wreaths were placed on the Memorial Gates by S. J. Wilson, M.L.A., on behalf of the provincial government, by Mayor Wilkins on behalf of the Town of Grimsby and by Reeve Lawson on behalf of the township of North Grimsby.

On arrival at the soldiers' plot the graves were decorated by members of the I.O.D.E., a short service being conducted by Rev. E. A. Earchman.

Returning to Moore's Theatre which was filled to capacity, a deeply impressive service was held at which Rev. H. S. Graham officiated. A stirring address was given by Rev. E. H. Burgess, who served as a chaplain overseas. He paid high tribute to the courage and bravery of the Canadians during the war and the noble service they rendered in behalf of their country. "The boys hated war," said the speaker, "but they loved peace and they followed in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace." Man, he stressed must do right if he dies for it. "We must change men's hearts. The danger of war will be over when men love Christ," concluded the speaker.

Others who took part in the service were Rev. W. H. Cline, who gave the invocation, Rev. H. Merritt, who delivered the scripture reading and Rev. E. A. Earchman who offered prayer. Appropriate songs were sung by Mrs. Thompson of Beamsville who rendered "In Flanders Field" and Miss Flora Allen who sang "O Valiant Heart".

Comrade Fred Jensen, Vice-president of the West Lincoln Branch, Canadian Legion, then read the roll of honor of those who fell in the war or who have died since the Armistice while the audience stood at attention. The Last Post was afterwards sounded by the bugle band of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Graham.

The Beamsville Band led the parade to Queen's Lawn Cemetery and accompanied the placing of wreaths and appropriate hymns.

The memorial services were held under the auspices of the I. O. D. E., Grimsby and the West Lincoln Branch, Canadian Legion.

At St. Andrew's Church Another impressive Memorial Service was held at St. Andrew's Church where shortly before eleven o'clock the choir and congregation gathered at the memorial cross outside the edifice. Following a few appropriate remarks a wreath was placed at the foot of the cross by Lieut. Col. Johnson on behalf of the congregation, the choir rendering suitable music.

In the church later the roll of honor of former members of the parish who gave their lives in the war was read by Col. Johnson while the congregation remained standing.

At The High School On Friday a Memorial Service was held at The High School, the address being given by Rev. E. A. Earchman. Mr. A. R. Cherry, the principal, made appropriate reference to the composition "In Flanders Field" by Col. John McCrae, afterwards reading it impressively. William McDonald's "Peace" was read by Miss Mary Held while the selection "O Valiant Heart" and the National Anthem were sung by the pupils.

## Beamsville Service Impressive Armistice Day Services Arranged by the West Lincoln Branch

## Col. Johnson Recalls Events Of War Years

The occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice observed on Saturday and Sunday recalls the notable service rendered his country by the present commander of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.



LIEUT. COL. W. JOHNSON, D.S.O., M.C., Commander Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

Lieut. Col. Walter W. Johnson, D.S.O., M.C., of Grimsby, Col. Johnson was mentioned in the despatches on more than one occasion for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He bears the honorable scars of the conflict, having been severely wounded in the attack on Cambrai on Oct. 1st, 1918 when he was taken prisoner, remaining in the prisoner camps of Germany until January, 1919 when he returned to England.

Col. Johnson went overseas with the 56th battalion, C.E.F., as a lance corporal and rose to the rank of Captain. After he returned to Canada following the war he acted as Major of E. Company, Lincoln and Welland Regiment and in 1921 was promoted to the rank of Lieut. Col., assuming command of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, a position which he at present holds.

In speaking to a representative of The Independent concerning his experiences in the war, Col. Johnson said:

"I was taken prisoner of war during the attack on Cambrai, France, on October 1st, which was at that time held by the Germans and removed to the prison camp in Mons, Belgium where I remained until a few days before the signing of the Armistice. Early in November 1918 all prisoners were evacuated from Mons and taken to the prisoner's camp in Brussels, Belgium being later removed to a prison camp near Berlin, Germany. I was severely wounded the same day as I was taken prisoner being at the time in charge of a company of the 56th Battalion in the attack on Cambrai."

On the morning of November 11th word was received at the prison camp in Göttingen, near Berlin, where I was confined as a prisoner of war that the Armistice had been signed. The most part of the war was with feelings of awe as one could hardly (Continued on Page 4)

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express sincere thanks to the many friends who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement, also for beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Margaret St. John, Mr. and Mrs. M. St. John.

## Seriously Injured In Highway Accident

Mrs. W. A. Russell, 199 Inglewood Road, Highland Park, Pa., and her daughter, Lillian Russell, Hamilton, on Thursday last with broken ribs, suffered when their car, driven by Gordon Russell, son, was struck by another car near Stoney Creek on the Niagara Highway.

The father, W. A. Russell escaped injury.

Mr. Russell told provincial police in Hamilton, that his car was struck by a four-passenger car. The driver of the car came back to the accident but he said he would go and get a traffic officer. Owing to the snow-storm they were unable to see the number of the car, which did not return. Police have broadcast a description of the car which has a damaged fender.

## HUNTERS SECURE MANY PHEASANTS

Open Days On Tuesday and Wednesday In Lincoln and Welland Counties — Fenthill Man Fatally Shot.

City and district hunters invaded fruit belt around Grimsby by the hundreds on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and scores of cock pheasants were slaughtered. Snow on the ground made tracks easy for the hunters, although a snow storm in the morning interfered to some extent.

Game Wardens and Provincial Police kept a fairly close check on the hunters, inspecting hunting licenses and searching game-bags to see that no hen birds were killed. Reports indicated that a great many more came for the shooting this year than last. Very few farmers complained over damage being done their property, although several irate agrarians chased men from their farms.

While a great many city men went home with their full quota of birds each, other were not so successful. Police of the Grimsby-Beamsville area said they had not received a single report of accidents to hunters during the day.

Felling or resentment against the Government for opening only Lincoln and Welland Counties for the shooting was expressed by several members of the Lincoln Game Association. In making their request to the department for open days, they said, they had recommended that all nine counties opened last year should be open again this year.

Several hunters reported having seen the deer which were reported in this vicinity a couple of weeks ago. Game wardens promised "ratic action" against any one who might fire a shot at the deer.

Fatally Shot Tuesday

Gordon Cooney, aged 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooney, Church Street, Fonthill, was shot and instantly killed Tuesday in the woods half a mile south of Fenwick, when he apparently rushed in front of another hunter, Ben Berg, of Fonthill, aged 31, just as the latter was in the act of shooting at a pheasant. Cooney is reported to have been only six feet tall at the fatal moment.

Coroner Dr. Duncan Allison of Welland, decided to hold an inquest on the afternoon of Nov. 22, at Fetham Township Hall.

Stories of the shooting differ in certain respects. One is that Mr. Berg was just about to aim at a bird when Cooney, who was behind him suddenly swung around in front of where Berg was shooting, and got ready to fire. At that moment Berg fired, believing he was shooting an other bird and when he saw a cap flying in the air he believed he had tagged the bird. He discovered his terrible mistake the next moment.

Another story, and one which is apparently more authentic, is that Berg was shooting at a pheasant, and Cooney, who was only a few feet behind him, suddenly rushed in front of Berg intent on another pheasant, preparing to shoot. At the precise moment Berg, who had not noticed Cooney rush in front of him, shot, and the youth was instantly killed, part of his head being blown off.

Numerous hunters in Grimsby and throughout the county took advantage of the two open days for pheasants in Lincoln and Welland counties for residents of the province only. Many secured their full quota while others were not so successful.

The open days for English ringed neck cock pheasants were Tuesday and Wednesday, November 14th and 15th. Hunting was permitted between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. and the bag was (Continued on Page 5)

## NOVEMBER SESSION GRIMSBY COUNCIL

**Building Permits Granted—New Arrangement Re Administration of Justice Costs To Affect Grimsby Favorably.**

The Grimsby Town Council held their regular November session Wednesday evening last. Mayor Wilkins was in the chair and all members were present. The session was not a lengthy one, council adjourning about 10 o'clock.

Reeve Mogg informed the Council as to the negotiations being conducted between the County and the City of St. Catharines in regard to the cost of the administration of justice and stated that if the new arrangements contemplated are carried out it would result in a material saving to this municipality and to the county as a whole.

The police report for the month of October indicated that the sum of \$30 had been collected in Poll Tax, while the number of transients accommodated was 25. There were 21 complaints dealt with and fines paid to the Town Treasurer of \$7.50. It also disclosed that two local houses were searched for liquor during the month and that there had been three police court cases with three convictions. Three cats and one dog were humanely destroyed during the month, while one motor accident was reported.

Building permits were granted to Wm. Game, 21 Robinson St. N. J. W. Pendergast, 30 Murray St. F. Woodworth, 13 Mountain St. and H. K. Farrell, 96 Main St. West.

Much satisfaction was expressed by the members of the Council over the acceptance of the invitation extended to the Orange Order to hold their annual celebration in Grimsby next year.

A committee from the Council was appointed to confer with the Grimsby Business Men's Association with regard to a proposed Community Christmas Tree this year.

## TO RESTORE GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

**As Soon As Revenues In Ontario Are More Buoyant, Says Premier Henry.**

Ontario's educational grants reduced from 15 to 20 per cent. in the economy plans of the government some months ago, will be restored to their former basis as soon as revenues became more buoyant, Premier George H. Henry told the Liberal-Conservative Association of eastern Ontario. Mr. Henry made his statement in addressing the association at its banquet.

Defence of the Abitibi Canyon purchase was made by the premier. The acquisition of this power project was the greatest step in the development of northern Ontario. And the premier, in making this statement, did not exclude the Tomlinson and Northern Ontario railway. The undertaking would adequately pay for itself and large quantities of low grade ore would be brought into work as a consequence of this cheaper power being made available. "All we have in the reserve power that is necessary; and the fact of the matter is that we have not been carrying our proper power reserves," Mr. Henry declared in refutation of allegations of Liberal Leader Mitchell Hepburn of the existence of surplus power in the hands of the Ontario Hydro.

A number of contracts for Abitibi power were in contemplation with mining interests of the northland. The purchase price paid by Ontario for the Abitibi power was a "reasonable figure."

A challenge was thrown out by Mr. Henry for Mr. Hepburn to indicate along which lines the Liberal leader would move in effecting his advocated further reductions in public expenditures.

## COMING EVENT

OLD TIME AND MODERN DANCE under the auspices of I.O.O.F., will be held November 22nd, at 9 p.m. Nels Jacobs Orchestra. Refreshments. Admission 40c. Two valuable prizes.

## WEDDING

BEAMER-SPEIRS — At Grimsby on November 14th, 1933, by Rev. J. W. Hunt, of Hespeler, Ont. Shirley, only daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. B. Speirs, was united in marriage to Donald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Deamer, Grimsby.